

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 2, 2006 MINUTES**

On Monday October 2, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM with Commissioners Ted Coffman, Frank Nelson and David Schulz present.

David Schulz moved to approve the September 18, 2006, minutes as corrected. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Frank Nelson move to approve the September 22, 2006, minutes as read. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Dave Schenk, Jim Hart, Ted Liss, Frank Ford, Doug Forsman, Mike Savage, Doris Fischer, Staci Beecher, Larry Larsen, Wally Bowery and Chris Murphy.

Jim Hart, District 3 Commissioner Candidate, was present to observe the meeting.

**Big Sky Public Safety Planning Study:** Doug Forsman and Mike Savage, Firescope Mid-America, met with the Board to discuss a public safety planning study they will be conducting in Big Sky. Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, and Dave Schenk, Sheriff, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Some of the areas that Firescope will research and make recommendations on are mutual aide agreements, law enforcement needs in the Big Sky area, fire protection, medical services, access for emergency vehicles, cost of services, and source of revenue for services.

**Eaton Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat:** Doris Fischer, Planner, Staci Beecher, Planner 1, and Larry Larsen, Landowner Representative, presented the Board with the preliminary plat of Eaton Minor Subdivision. This property, approximately nine miles southwest of Ennis, will create three residential lots on 6.95 acres, with lot sizes ranging from 2.27 to 2.36 acres. Staci stated that both staff and Planning Board recommended approval with conditions. Frank Nelson moved to approve the preliminary plat of Eaton Minor Subdivision in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 1 West with the recommended conditions. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Slopeside Subdivision at Yellowstone Club Preliminary Plat:** Doris Fischer, Planner, and Staci Beecher, Planner 1, presented the Board with the preliminary plat of Slopeside Subdivision and a condominium building setback variance request. This subdivision would create twelve residential condominium units to be constructed in duplex style, on an eight acre tract. Twenty-eight acres would be designated as open space. Because three of the proposed condo units would encroach into the current 25 foot building setback requirement, the subdividers have also requested a variance. Planning Board and staff recommended approval of the subdivision with conditions and approval of the variance with two additional conditions. Per recommendation, David Schulz moved to accept the preliminary plat of Slopeside Subdivision at Yellowstone Club in Sections 1 and 12 of Township 7 South, Range 2 East, and Section 7 of Township 7 South, Range 3 East, with recommended conditions, and to accept the variance request with the two additional recommended conditions. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Upland Meadows Subdivision Preliminary Plat:** Doris Fischer, Planner, and Staci Beecher, Planner 1, presented the Board with the preliminary plat of Upland Meadows Subdivision. Chris Murphy and Wally Bowery, Subdividers, were present for this portion of the meeting. This proposal is for six single-family residential lots, ranging in size from 21 to 30 acres, approximately one mile east of Laurin on Mill Gulch Road. Because a question was raised about the possibility of hazardous materials on portion of the property that was previously used as a dump, Ralph Hamler, Sanitarian, submitted a letter recommending that the Dehorty Dump site be designated as a no-build area and have a 100' setback to any building or land disturbance. David Schulz moved to accept the preliminary plat of Upland Meadows Subdivision in Section 33 of Township 5 South, Range 4 West, with the conditions recommended in the Planning Board report and adding the condition that the final plat shall designate the Dehorty Dump site as a no-build area. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Claims:** Chairman Coffman continued this portion of the meeting to Friday, October 6, 2006.

**Grants:** The Board discussed the status of the CTEP grant applications and requested that Julie Dewey, Grant Writer, compile a list of CTEP grant projects before leaving employment with the county.

**Building Project:** The Board discussed the building project. Ted Coffman stated that he would be speaking at Elk's meeting in Virginia City tonight.

**Fire Restrictions:** Frank Nelson moved to relax the county fire restrictions and put decisions regarding fire permits back to the local fire departments. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Journal Vouchers:** Frank Nelson moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the 9/06 accounting period. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Grant Writer Resignation:** David Schulz moved to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Dewey, Grant Writer, effective at the close of business on October 6, 2006, and to advertise for the position. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Airport Bids, Contracts and Grants:** Frank Nelson moved to sign the contract between Madison County and Richardson Building and Design to complete AIP 3-30-0090-009-2007, Big Sky (Ennis) Airport Improvements. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Extension Services Salary Agreement:** Frank Nelson moved to approve the Extension Services Agreement between the Montana State University Extension Service and Madison County, designating Madison County's contribution to the agents salary for contracted services of Cameron Clark, Extension Agent, in the amount of \$12,052.88 for the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Commissioner David Schulz was absent for this portion of the meeting to attend to business in Alder.

**Yellowstone Club Mutual Assistance Agreement:** Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss a Mutual Assistance Agreement between governments, public safety service agencies, and non-governmental entities in the interest of improving the public safety response capability with Madison County. Frank Ford stated that the Harrison-Pony Rural Volunteer Fire Department is the only entity that has not signed the agreement, but have indicated that they will sign. Frank Nelson moved to approve the Mutual Assistance Agreement dated September, 2006, between Yellowstone Club, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Harrison-Pony Fire Department, Ennis Volunteer Ambulance Service, Madison County Department of Emergency Management, Madison County Sheriff, and Madison County Board of Commissioners. Ted Coffman seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant:** Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss a grant opportunity in the amount of \$443,000 for the purpose of replacing radios for fire departments, emergency medical services and possibly search and rescue organizations. If awarded the grant, the County would be responsible for a match of \$22,000. Frank Nelson moved to pursue the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and take money for the match out of the General Fund. Ted Coffman seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Commissioner Schulz returned for the remainder of the meeting.

**Emergency Management Position:** Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss the transition of his position from full time Director of Emergency Management to a part time contracted position with a new director being hired to replace him. Frank presented the Board with a Job Description for the proposed position. Commissioner Coffman requested time to study the Job Description.

**Public Discussion:** Ted Liss, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, talked with the Board about issues concerning County fire departments.

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**Public Health Preparedness Contract:** David Schulz moved to approve Task Order 07-07-6-11-031-0 to Madison County Unified Government Master Contract, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program and the Public Health System Improvement and Preparedness Bureau, between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Madison County Health Department for the purpose of providing health related services. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Ruby Valley Hospital and TRMCC Interlocal Agreement:** Frank Nelson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Ruby Valley Hospital District and Madison County for administrative services of Mr. Randall Cambridge for Administrator of the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center and the Ruby Valley Hospital. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Friday, October 6, 2006:**

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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C. Ted Coffman, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: October 18, 2006  
Minutes prepared by:

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